

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claim 15 is amended. Claims 17-19 and 33-34 are canceled. Thus, claims 15 and 20-32 are pending with entry of this Amendment.

II. Support for the amendments

The amendments find support in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. For example, support for the amendment to claim 15 can be found in canceled claim 19. No new matter is added.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 15 and 17-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. While the Examiner argued that certain subject matter was not allowable, the Examiner stated that the subject matter of claim 19, if re-written in independent form, was allowable. *See*, Office Action, page 6.

While Applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's conclusions, to expedite allowance of this application, the claims are limited of the subject matter of now-canceled claim 19. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in a continuation application. In view of the amendment, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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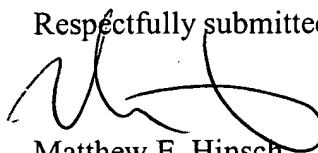
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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